

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 1, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 1, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1-20 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Reconsideration of the restriction is requested for reasons presented below.

Applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claim 1 is generic.

The Examiner states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: a first species directed to a method of depositing on a substrate a plurality of dielectric layers according to Figs. 8A-8H, wherein the plurality of layers comprises one low dielectric constant oxidized organosilane etch stop layer comprising carbon; and a second species directed to a method of depositing on a substrate a plurality of dielectric layers according to Figs. 10A-10H, wherein two of the layers are low dielectric constant oxidized organosilane layers comprising carbon.

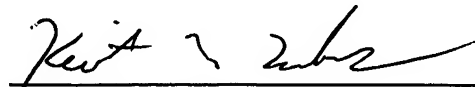
Applicants elect the first species with traverse. Applicants submit that claims 11-14 are readable upon the first species identified by the Examiner. Applicants further submit that claims 15-20 are readable upon the second species identified by the Examiner. Applicants agree with the Examiner that claim 1 is generic. Applicants further submit that claims 2-10 are generic.

Applicants note that claim 11 recites a method comprising depositing on a substrate a plurality of layers comprising one low dielectric constant oxidized organosilane layer comprising carbon. Claim 15 recites a method comprising depositing on a substrate a plurality of layers, wherein two of the layers are low dielectric constant oxidized organosilane layers comprising carbon. Applicants submit that claim 11 should not be restricted from claim 15, as claim 11 does not exclude depositing a second low dielectric constant oxidized organosilane layer comprising carbon on the substrate in addition to the plurality of layers comprising one low dielectric

constant oxidized organosilane layer comprising carbon. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the species election requirement.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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